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San Diego Bay traffic restrictions expected to continue through weekend

- Coast Guard urges boaters to stay off water

SAN DIEGO – The Coast Guard's restriction of all vessels entering the Port of San Diego is expected to continue through the weekend. As a precaution to protect the safety of the Port of San Diego, the Coast Guard is halting and examining all vessels entering port. Vessels may depart port but may not return until they are checked. Boaters should expect significant delays when returning. Both commercial and recreational vessels are affected.

All boaters are urged to not get underway while these restrictions are in place through this weekend. Boaters are particularly urged to not leave the bay for any short voyage. Boaters who enter or re-enter San Diego Bay should anticipate long delays as Coast Guard teams board all arriving vessels.

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The Coast Guard is broadcasting the most current information on marine radio, channel 16.

A short notice complete closure of the port may be necessary during military vessel movements. If needed, such traffic restrictions will be announced on marine radio channel 16. For security reasons, such restrictions cannot be announced early.

No restrictions are in place for Mission Bay and Oceanside harbor.

The restrictions will only be maintained as long as necessary for the safety of the port and may continue at some level indefinitely. The Coast Guard, working in cooperation with other federal, state and local agencies, is continuously reevaluating the bay's security needs.

The most current information can be heard on marine radio channel 16. All boaters are urged to continuously monitor channel 16 while underway. Information regarding these restrictions is posted at the Coast Guard Marine Safety Office San Diego web site, www.uscg.mil/d11/sandiego/mso. The public may direct questions to the Coast Guard's local Public Affairs Office at (619) 683-6322.

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